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SUBJECT: EPMG PROTESTS PUBLIC REFERENCES TO ITS AMMUNITION

REPLENISHMENT REQUEST

REFS: (A) ADDIS 1877; (B) STATE 35890; (C) STATE 39909

1. AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, VICEMIN MOHAMED HAMID IBRAHIM, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO, CALLED IN POL COUNSELOR (PRIOR RECEIPTREFS B AND C) TO PROTEST FORMALLY AGAINST STATEMENTS BROADCAST ON VOA ON EPMG'S AMMUNITION RESUPPLY REQUEST TO THE US.

2. HAMID SAID ETHIOPIAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON ALSO BEING INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST TO DEPARTMENT.

3. ETHIOPIAN FONMIN AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE FEEL THAT PREMATURE REVELATION OF REQUEST LIKELY TO HAVE STRONGLY ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION AND CONGRESS IN THE US, ON ARAB STATES AND ON INSURGENTS. REVELATION COULD LEAD TO FURTHER ARAB ASSISTANCE TO INSURGENCIES AND TO ADDITIONAL ARAB PRESSURE UPON EPMG.

"IT'S ONE THING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER A FIRM DECISION IS TAKEN TO SUPPORT ETHIOPIA BY MEETING THE EPMG'S

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REQUEST; IT'S QUITE ANOTHER TO MAKE SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHILE

THIS REQUEST IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION."

4. HAMID SAID FONMIN FELT ANNOUNCEMENT HAD "UNDERMINED OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS MATTER" AND STRONGLY URGED THERE BE NO FURTHER PREMATURE REVELATIONS.

5. POL COUNSELOR TOOK NOTE OF THE FOREGOING AND PROMISED TO TRANSMIT PROTEST TO DEPARTMENT FORTHWITH. HE POINTED OUT (CF PARA 2 REF A) THAT EMBASSY HAD DECLINED COMMENT TO NEWSMEN WHO QUERIED IT AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 17 ON STORY, WHICH THEY HAD SOURCED TO ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS.

6. REFS B AND C DO NOT PROVIDE VERBATIM TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, NOR TEXT USED BY VOA. WOULD WELCOME BOTH. WYMAN

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